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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the Director  
Colonel Stanley J. Grogan

SUBJECT: Proposed Series of Telecasts on Espionage

1. The attached letter is from a personal friend, [REDACTED]

2. I would appreciate a reply directly from you on whether the proposed series of telecasts should be tied in with the Agency. I assume that the answer will be in the negative. Should you prefer to relay the reply through me, I can be reached on extension [REDACTED]

SIGNED

Contact Division  
Office of Operations

cc: Chief, Contact Division

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Maclean, Virginia

Dear Dick,

I phoned your place yesterday in hopes of discussing with you my intention to do an espionage series for television. It was my thought that CIA could use some judicious publicity. The FBI has received more than its share and so have our other services. Having been a responsible member of CIA for several years I can think of no really substantial reason why CIA could not take good advantage of the proper kind of publicity.

Any dramatic series would, of course, have to restrict itself to the dramatization of CIA's published mandate -- counterespionage outside the territorial limits of the U.S.A. This could include the use of professionals, case officers, agents, and recruitment of private citizens for specific jobs.

If CIA is interested, it would mean using its name and such declassified case histories which would lend themselves to good dramatization. The value in using a former member to organize and control the material and its presentation is obvious.

I'm planning to do an espionage series in any case. The point of view, the specific CIA aspect, will be up to the Agency. Since I plan to get under way shortly, I will require a statement of interest or lack of it fairly soon.

I think this program could be a good thing both from the point of view of recruitment and prestige for the organization. Please pass this letter along to the man who can make a decision.

Thank you,

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